

# AGE-FRIENDLY DC Block-by-Block Walk Volunteer Training

## **Background on Age-Friendly DC**

Mayor Vincent Gray and Councilmembers committed to making DC an Age-Friendly city by 2017 as part of the pilot AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities through the World Health Organization.



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Neglect and Fraud

and Resilience

and Employment

and Information

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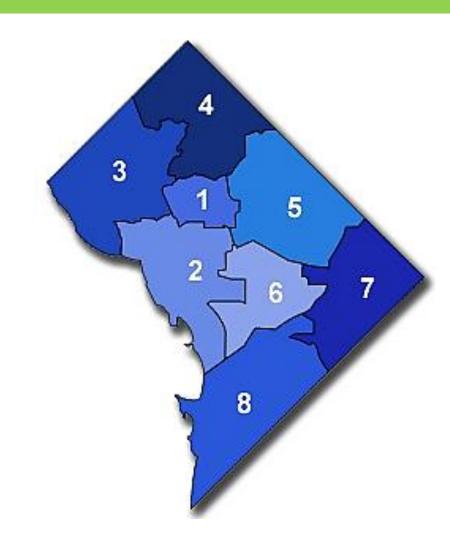
Mayor Vincent C. Gray swears in Deputy Mayor Otero and President Knapp as co-chairs of the Age-Friendly DC Task Force.

## Age-Friendly DC Block-by-Block Walk

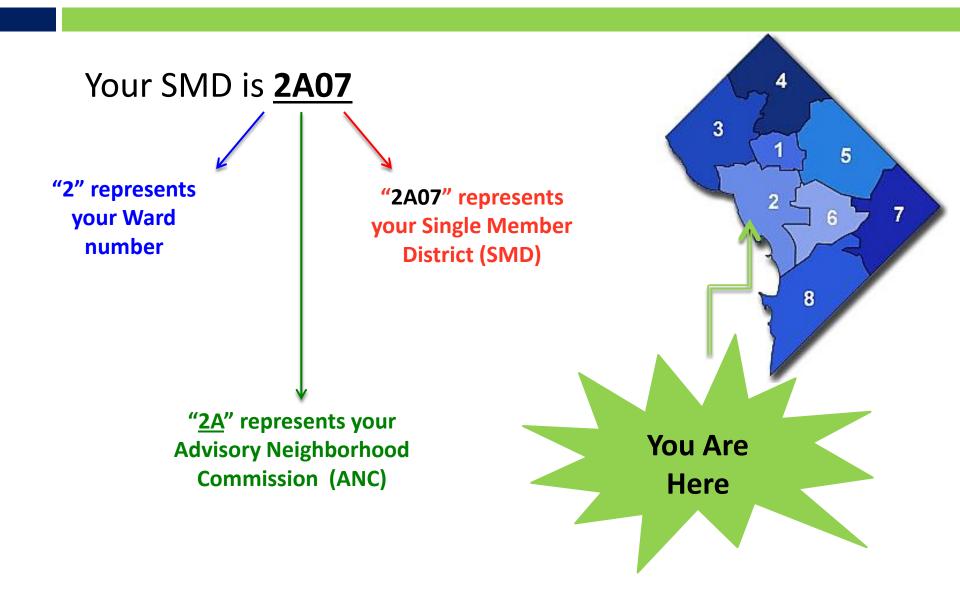
- □ **Purpose:** Identify neighborhood assets and issues needing attention through the lens of older DC residents.
- □ **Goal:** Compile the results and integrate into the Age-Friendly DC Strategic Plan to advocate, plan and organize around.
- □ Your Part: Walk and survey <u>every street</u> within your assigned Single Member District.

## The District

- The District is divided into eight Wards.
- Eight Wards are further divided into 40 Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs).
- 40 ANCs are further divided into 296 Single Member Districts (SMDs).



## **SMD Example**



# What you'll need for the walk!

## **Team Member Roles**

- □ Volunteer #1: Complete Survey
- Volunteer #2: Record information about Pedestrian Crossings
- Volunteer #3: Report service requests using the 311 app (must have a smartphone)

## **Volunteer Profile**

■ Everyone in the group must fill out a volunteer profile sheet

#### **VOLUNTEER #2 PROFILE**

Circle the	appropriate	answerle
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A. Your role	(s) in	the	Walk
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Volunteer 1	Volunteer 2	Volunteer 3	Neighborhood	
(Survey Sheet)	(Pedestrian Crossing)	(311 Reporter)	Ambassador	

#### B. Gender

#### C. Age range

Under 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+	Decline

#### D. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or heritage?

Yes	No
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#### E. Race (All that apply)

American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black, African American
Pacific Islander	White	Other:

#### F. I have mobility issues

Walker W	heelchair Cane	Move slowly	Other	N/A
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#### G. I live in the District of Columbia

Yes	No
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H. If yes, the Single Member District (SMD) where I live is:

Not sure
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I. I work in the District of Columbia

J. If yes, the Single Member District (SMD) where I work is:



# **Volunteer 1: Survey Sheet**

- Count only items within your assigned SMD boundary line. Do not count items in bordering SMDs – they will be counted by another team.
- number of items observed. Use tally marks to record the number along the way. Then total the tally marks, so the data can easily be entered into Survey Monkey.



#### SAFETY

Question #	Question	Tally (use hatch marks) or Circle
POLICE		marily or entire
6	# of police cars	
7	# of police on bicycles	
8	# of police walking or on Segways	
9	# of police using other transportation (motorcycle or horse)	
10	Were any of the police you saw Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)	Yes No Not
	personnel?	Sur
SIDEWALK	S	
Report each	problem to 311 using the mobile app or write the information on the page.	s provided at the
end of the s	survey.	
11	# of cracked sidewalks with vertical height change of ¼" or more	
12	# of uneven or loose sidewalks due to missing brick or other material	
13	# of blocks without sidewalks	
14	# of sidewalks not wide enough for two people to walk side-by-side	
15	# of sidewalks blocked by poles, signs, dumpsters, branches, vendors,	
	etc.	
<b>CURB CUTS</b>		
Report each	problem to 311 using the mobile app or write the information on the page.	s provided at the
end of the s	survey.	
16	# of curb cuts	
17	# of curb cuts which are textured or marked for those with visual	
	in a single state of the s	
18	impairments	
10	# of sidewalks without curb cuts at corners, intersections or crosswalks	
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# **Survey Elements**

### Services

- Hospitals
- Pharmacies
- Schools
- Post Office
- Mail Boxes
- Library
- Metrorail
- Bus Stops
- Senior Center

### **Amenities**

- Grocery Store
- Corner Store
- Laundromat
- Beauty Shop
- Bank/Credit Union
- Check-cashing Service
- Places of Worship
- Social Clubs
- Parks
- Community Gardens
- Fitness Clubs

## Safety

- Police Presence
- Fire Stations
- Bikers, Skateboarders, Drivers
- Curb Cuts
- Pedestrian Islands
- Benches
- Trash Cans
- Vacant Storefronts
- Abandoned Lots/Buildings
- Public Restrooms
- Sidewalks
- Traffic Lights
- Pedestrian Signals

## **Volunteer 2: Pedestrian Crossing Sheet**

☐ Pick six intersections in your SMD. You will answer six questions about each intersection.



1 four-way intersection counts as 1 analyzed intersection

#### PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Complete one section (six questions) for each pedestrian crossing you encounter on your Walk.

	Ped	lestrian	Crossi	ng#1
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- Address/Intersection
- b. How many lanes is the street crossing?
- c. If there was a pedestrian signal with a countdown (audible or visual), how many seconds did the signal provide?

\_\_\_seconds No signal

I. Are there a painted crosswalk or pedestrian walk lines?

Yes No Faded

e. Is there a push-to-walk button on each side of the street?

Yes No

f. Are you able to view oncoming cars or are parked vehicles, utility poles, trees or other items blocking the view of traffic?

Able to view Not able to view

#### Pedestrian Crossing #2

- g. Address/Intersection:
- n. How many lanes is the street crossing?

0 1 2 3 4 5 6+

If there was a pedestrian signal with a countdown (audible or visual), how many seconds did the signal provide?

seconds No signal

j. <u>Are there a painted crosswalk or pedestrian walk lines?</u>

Yes No Faded

k. Is there a push-to-walk button on each side of the street?

Yes No

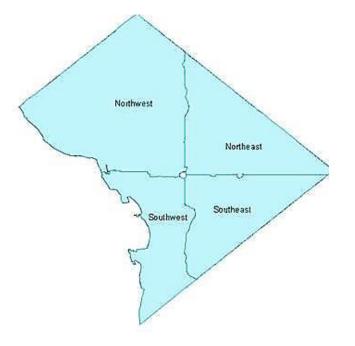
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Able to view Not able to view

## **Pedestrian Crossings**

- Use **both** street names when referencing an intersection.
  - Eg: 17<sup>th</sup> St., NW and Pennsylvania Ave., NW
  - Eg: 14<sup>th</sup> St, NE and Brentwood Rd, NE
- Remember, DC has four quadrants, so you need to include the quadrant.





## Volunteer 3: Items to be reported to 311

#### **ITEMS TO BE REPORTED TO 311**

Provide details of problems with sidewalks, pedestrian signals, streetlights, and curb cuts here.

Address or Hundred Block	Street Name	Quadi	rant	Ir	ntersection/Cro	ss Streets
		□NW	□NE			
		□SW	□SE			
Sidewalk Repair:	□ Loose/uneven □ Crac	:ked	οT	oo narrow	□ Blocked	■ Missing
Curb and Gutter:	□ No curb cut					
Traffic Signals:	□ Not enough time to cross					
Streetlight:	□ Broken/damaged					

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Traffic Signals:	☐ Not enough time to cross	5				
Streetlight:	□ Broken/damaged					

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Curb and Gutter:	□ No curb cut			
Traffic Signals:	☐ Not enough time to cross	•		·
Streetlight:	□ Broken/damaged			

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- You should only report issues related to the following service request types:
  - Sidewalk Repair
  - Traffic Signals
  - Curb & Gutter
  - Streetlight Repair

# Items to be reported to 311





Cracked or missing sidewalk

Uneven sidewalk

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Curb cut

VS.

No curb cut

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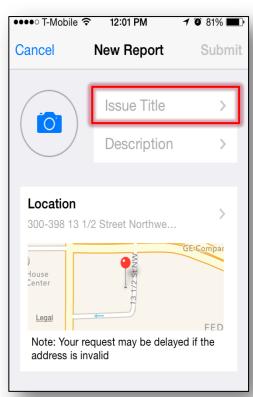
Working traffic light vs. Broken traffic light

## Login to the Mobile App

- Login and password info:
  - The login email address
    - □walk[SMD you're walking]@dc.gov
    - □Eg: walk**1A01**@dc.gov
  - The password for all accounts
    - □walk14



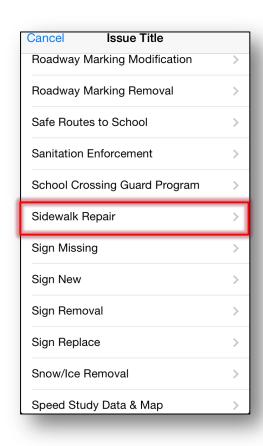






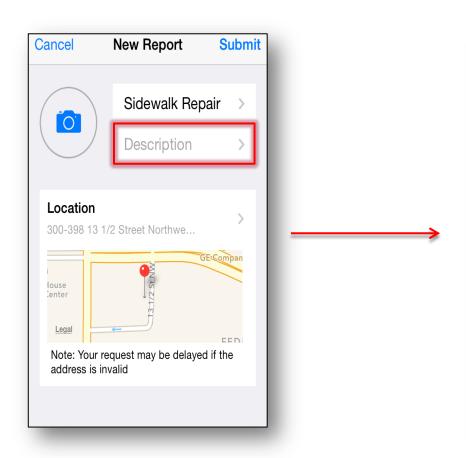
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Report a New Issue

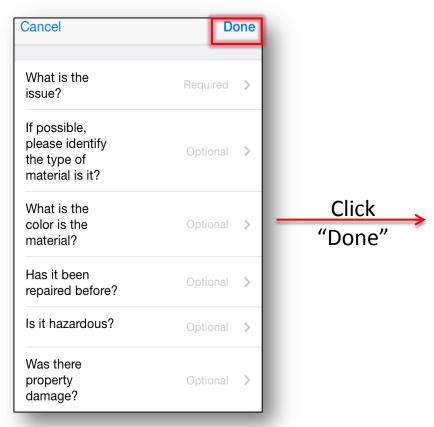


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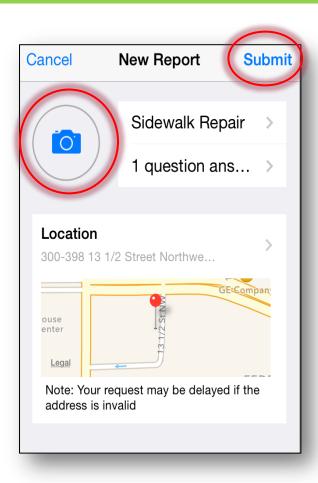
Select an Issue



Select Description



Record as much information as possible



Enter a picture and Submit

## **Cracked Sidewalks**

Ask yourself, if you were using a wheelchair or a stroller would you be able to comfortably move on the cracked sidewalk?

If the answer is "no", report it.

## Report

## **Don't Report**







Don't report
superficial
cracks or cracks
that don't
hinder
walkability of
the sidewalk

Report any cracks that are extremely deep or anytime the sidewalk is drastically uneven

## Media

Tweet about the walk and use #AFDCwalk or @AgefriendlyDC





## Safety

- □ In case of an emergency call 911
- Stay with your team members at all times
- Please politely decline invitations to enter any home
- Be mindful of your surroundings. Pay particular attention to the use of your smartphone in public view
- Stay hydrated visit <u>www.tapitwater.com</u> for sites where you can refill your water bottles
- □ You have a right to feel safe if you don't, get out of the situation

## Let's get started!

- Do you have all the supplies you need?
- □ Have you assigned each team member a role?
- Finally, review your SMD map and talk about a strategy to make sure every street is walked.

## **Contact Information**

- □ Age-Friendly DC Coordinator
  - Gail Kohn
  - □ Gail.Kohn@dc.gov
  - **(202)** 316-4484